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ABC Enforcement to Have Continued Presence at College Tailgating Events

Focus is on preventing underage drinking

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 26, 2013) – College football season is upon us, and with that the traditions of tailgating and excitement in the stadiums across the country. Here in Kentucky, many enjoy the fun and fellowship that accompanies tailgating.

Tailgating is also a time when the law enforcement community turns its eye to ensuring safety because there are large numbers of people with readily available alcohol,

The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control's (ABC) Enforcement Division will continue to make a concerted and prioritized effort this season at college football games across the Commonwealth to deter underage drinking, drinking too much and related problems.

Besides having a presence in student sections and stadiums, division investigators will be at points-of-sale on the perimeters of campuses to cite those who commit illegal actions such as sales to minors, adults providing for minors and use of fraudulent identification.

"Tailgating has risen in popularity over the last several years. Sadly, underage consumption of alcohol at these events has increased as well," Enforcement Director Mike Razor said. "One of the primary goals of the ABC is to curb underage access to alcohol. ABC investigators will be in attendance at as many tailgating events as possible this season. It is against the law to consume alcohol if you are under 21 years

of age. If you are caught in possession of alcohol you will be cited. Any person assisting a minor to obtain alcohol will be cited, fined and possibly jailed. Enjoy the game. Stay legal and stay safe.”

The investigators in ABC's Enforcement Division are vested by law with full police powers to enforce all state laws. Investigators are strategically located throughout the state to maximize their special emphasis on the enforcement of Kentucky's alcohol laws. A top priority of the ABC Enforcement Division is combating youth access to alcohol.

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